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TO : Acting Chief, Security Division

DATE: 22 December 1952

FROM : Chief, Personnel Security Branch

SUBJECT: Incorporation of Names on record in I&SO in RI Records

As requested in your note of 22 December 1952 this is to furnish my comments on the proposal that the names of persons on whom I&SO has records be recorded in RI.

In his memorandum of 8 December 1952 the Chief, RI, refers to all three I&SO indices. (He is referring to the overt chainindex, covert chainindex, and the Reference Index.) In the memorandum of 17 December 1952, however, the Chief of Administration, DD/P, refers only to the inclusion of names of CIA applicants.

Some time back one of the representatives of Management was checking into the feasibility of creating a master CIA index into which would be fed the names appearing in all CIA records, including I&SO, RI, and OCD.

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I called Mr. [REDACTED] of RI today to confirm my belief that Personnel does furnish him the names of all current applicants and has been doing so for some time. He stated that while Personnel has been doing this they are a little behind. (Of the names appearing on the overt chainindex, we would not have to send him anything on new cases.)

I believe the proposal to have a master index in the Agency is a good one. I do not believe, however, that the placing of our Chainindex names in RI would be of sufficient value to be worth the time. This is based partly on the fact that our MS, CC, AI, and EE cases do not appear on the Chainindex and it is this type of case in which there is the most operational interest.

To be effective our entire index system would have to be copied. The initial copying would be a tremendous task and the problem of copying all new material to be added to our indices would give us a job we can not handle with our present staff.

On the basis of the work involved in carrying the project through, including getting our records in shape to be copied, I recommend against the proposal.

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